



In the above-captioned proceeding, CTUSA notified the Commission of the *pro forma* transfer of control of CTUSA from China Telecommunications Corporation, a PRC corporation (“CTC”) to China Telecom Corporation Limited (“CTL”), a PRC corporation controlled by CTC.

As the Commission is aware, the Agencies have taken the position that their ability to satisfy their obligations to protect the national security, enforce the laws, and preserve the safety of the public could be impaired by transactions in which foreign entities will own or operate a part of the U.S. telecommunications system, or in which foreign-located facilities will be used to provide domestic telecommunications services to U.S. customers. After discussions with representatives of CTUSA in connection with the proposed *pro forma* transfer of control of CTUSA to CTL, the Agencies have concluded that the commitments set forth in the Letter will help ensure that the Agencies and other entities with responsibility for enforcing the law, protecting the national security, and preserving public safety can proceed in a legal, secure, and confidential manner to satisfy these responsibilities. Accordingly, the Agencies hereby advise the Commission that they have no objection to the Commission granting the above-referenced application, provided that the Commission conditions its consent on compliance by CTUSA with the commitments set forth in the Letter.

The Agencies are authorized to state that the Applicant does not object to the grant of this Petition.

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